

THORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the village hall on
Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 7.00pm



Present: Cllrs P Sadler, A Sadler, Dewar, G Parks & S Parks

Also present: CCllr Goggin, DCllr Scott, E Crook (Clerk), K Lott (RFO) and a resident

The meeting was called to order at 7.01pm by Cllr P Sadler, Chairman

1. Apologies for absence

There were none.

2. a) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Received from Cllrs P Sadler, A Sadler, Dewar, G Parks & S Parks for item 13.

b) Council to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk

The Clerk read out a statement explaining that dispensations may be sought and as all five councillors have a pecuniary interest in the same item then the Council should delegate the duty of granting the dispensations to the Clerk. This was agreed by the Council.

c) Dispensation applications received and the determinations

Five applications were received by the Clerk from Councillors with an interest in item 13. As this item was essential and could not otherwise be resolved the dispensations were granted.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2022, having been previously circulated were amended at the suggestion of Cllr A Sadler, agreed by the Council, as follows at item 13a, additional wording "Cllr Sait expressed his total disillusionment with all aspects of council business". The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. Public Questions

There were none.

5. Reports from District & County Councillors

Due to the death of HM the Queen some meetings were cancelled at Tendring District Council (TDC).

Both District Councillors attended meetings including Planning, Customer Services and ACAS.

Enquiries have been received from Thorrington residents about having additional wheelie bins.

Cllr A Sadler asked DCllr Scott if he could chase up the Open Space team at TDC regarding the s106 money, they have been contacted several times by the Clerk without being able to secure available meeting dates. DCllr Scott asked that the Clerk email him the chain of events.

DCllr Scott was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.20 pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

Cllr A Sadler asked CCllr Goggin for an update on the reported hole in the pavement on Chapel Lane. CCllr Goggin advised that if it is dangerous then Essex County Council (ECC) need to be contacted by phone and report it as urgent. Cllr P Sadler asked whether being covered by a temporary cover meant it would be addressed in a certain timescale. CCllr Goggin advised that an Essex Highways engineer would assess the work and if it is considered safe it will be repaired in due course.

Good responses have been received for the public consultation concerning the B1027 project.

CCllr Goggin has been campaigning for the speed limit by Wyvernwood to be lowered.

A Clacton Road resident contacted the CCllr about excessive surface water following heavy rainfall. Essex Highways will include the area in their jetting program within the next 6 weeks.

ECC's Locality Fund is available to the Parish Council for an appropriate project.

The Highway Rangers have cleared overgrown foliage near a Brightlingsea Road bus stop.

Cllr G Parks asked CCllr Goggin for an update on the accreditation training required to use the VAS sign, CCllr Goggin advised he will speak to the Clerk at Alresford Parish Council.

CCllr Goggin was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 7.44pm to attend the Alresford Parish Council meeting.

6. (a) Planning Applications

22/01360/FULHH	Little Retreat, Brightlingsea Road Proposed single storey rear extension
22/01427/OHL	Overhead Lines at Reeves Grove, Tenpenny Hill Alterations to the high voltage (HV) overhead lines
22/01440/FULHH	2 Abbey Cottages, Great Bentley Road, Frating Proposed single storey extension to form garden room.
22/01499/COUNOT For Information Only	Apple Blossom Paddocks, Brightlingsea Road Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for a proposed change of use of a building & land within its curtilage from use as an agricultural building to a residential dwelling & reasonably necessary building operations.

(b) Planning Resolutions/Determinations

22/00558/FUL	Greenacres Farm, Station Road Proposed demolition of existing dwelling & replace with new dwelling	Approval Full
22/00987/FULHH	Reeves Grove House, Tenpenny Hill Proposed single storey extension & extension above existing roof to form atrium.	Approval Full
22/01082/FULHH	The Oaks, Tenpenny Hill Proposed extension to provide single story enlargement to main bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and en-suite bathroom. Connecting to work studio with shower room. With extension to kitchen to form new dining area.	Approval Full
22/01249/TPO	20 Clover Drive 1 No. Oak - cut back by 30%	Approval Full
22/01188/COUNOT	Cross Farm, Station Road Proposed conversion of two agricultural buildings into two dwellings.	Approval Full
22/01205/FULHH	Croft, Tenpenny Hill Proposed front porch to existing bungalow	Approval Full

7. **Thorrington Cross bus shelter**
Motion moved to November agenda

8. **Portable vehicle activated sign**
The Clerk received a response from Essex Highways advising that alternating the VAS with another sign was more dangerous than removing the post entirely and would lead to unnecessary signage. They suggested replacing one of two 40mph speed signs on Station Road that are next to each other. The Clerk noted to the Council that there is only one post and sign but due to an image stitching fault on Google Streetview it appears that there are two. Cllr A Sadler noted that it would not be tall enough anyway. It was agreed that Essex Highways are obstructing the installation and that the issue needs to be escalated to a more senior level. The Clerk will also update Cllr Goggin on the latest response from Essex Highways.

9. **Chapel Lane Playing Field improvements**
Clerk to forward the email chain from the Open Space Team to DCllr Scott and DCllr Wiggins for them to chase an update.

10. **Planted area at the Cross**
Cllr A Sadler has only received one quote. Motion moved to the November agenda.

11. **Feeder pillar on playing field**
Cllr A Sadler proposed accepting the renewal price of £321.30 for the electricity supply, seconded by Cllr P Sadler. All in favour.

12. **Allotment insurance**
Cllr A Sadler proposed accepting the renewal price of £119.38, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

13. **Allotment fees**
Cllr A Sadler advised the Council that the new hose fittings have been broken despite the instruction sent to tenants and the notice at the tap stating that they must not be tampered with. The fees for 2022/23 will be £50.00 a plot due to the increase in water usage. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr G Parks. All in favour.

14. **Allotment maintenance**
a) Cllr Dewar proposed that discussion of building another compost bay be moved to February.
b) Council agreed to the purchase of a new post and some post mix. Proposed by Cllr A Sadler, seconded by Cllr G Parks. All in favour.

15. **Review of external audit findings**
The RFO read out the findings of section 3 of the audit and this was accepted by the Council.

16. **TDALC**
a) Council accepted the rise in affiliation fee to £20.00. Proposed by Cllr P Sadler, seconded by Cllr S Parks. All in favour.
b) There was no report due to unforeseen circumstances preventing Cllr P Sadler and Cllr Dewar attending the meeting. Cllr P Sadler said she was updated that the situation with the pylons is still being fought and support is being sought.

17. **Account signatories**
Following the recent resignation of one of the cheque signatories, Cllr A Sadler proposed that Cllr G Parks take on the role, seconded by Cllr Dewar. All in favour.

18. Accounts

Payments for approval and signatures at meeting on 6th October 2022

Cheque	Payee	Amount	Payment Details
300255	Elizabeth Crook	£369.68	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300256	Katherine Lott	£88.52	RFO wages & accom.
300257	Mr A Dewar	£586.80	Street light, fittings & mileage
300258	Mr A Sadler	£120.00	Hose reel & tap
300259	HMRC	£3.00	Quarterly tax payment
300260	TDALC	£20.00	Membership
300261	Bellet Ltd	£230.00	Strimmer
300262	Elizabeth Crook	£353.80	Clerk wages, accom. & expenses
300263	Katherine Lott	£88.52	RFO wages & accom.
300264	National Allotment Society	£66.00	Membership
300265	PKF Littlejohn	£240.00	External audit fee
300266	Chris Knott Insurance	£119.38	Allotment holders insurance policy

£121.15



Cheques written	BACS	Direct Debits	Receipts
£2,285.70	£0	£323.14	£13,651.40

Balance of accounts with Unity Trust = £48,007.72

19. Reports from Amenities Representatives

Allotments	Manure has been ordered. New flowers have been planted around the noticeboard. Plot 3 have not yet been contacted regarding their plot due to ongoing personal circumstances.
Playing Field	No report.
Tennis Court	Posts and net to be removed at the end of October. It was suggested that Cllr G Parks take on this role when the representatives were next agreed.
Footpaths	Cllr Dewar asked whether an update had been received concerning placing bark chippings over the exposed tree roots on the footpath opposite the pub. <i>Clerk has emailed ECC but no response received yet.</i>
Tree Warden	No report.
Hazel Close Open Space	The hedges have been flailed finally. Three trees were also cut down unexpectedly.

20. Clerk's report

A pleasant resident emailed about the overflowing dog bins, he noted that there should be more dog bins in the village. The Clerk informed them of the situation with TDC and new litter bins.

A land agent acting for Network Rail wanted to know who owned the yard by the railway crossing as they would like to use it while they are working on the line. He was directed to ECC/Essex Highways who were last known to be using the property.

A resident looking to take on an allotment plot contacted the Clerk. He was left a message but he has not been in touch since.

An email was received from the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) about the provision of "affordable" housing within the village. They would look to survey residents. The Clerk will forward the information to the Councillors for consideration.



A resident of Avocet Place made the Clerk aware of an email that they sent to the Local Highways Panel raising concerns about the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit and suggesting that it needs to be moved further out to include Tenpenny Hill.

The Village Day Committee have provided a report on how the day went. The Clerk will forward it to Councillors to read.

Essex Highways sent through a plan of the adopted road area of Avocet Place that are now under public maintenance. Cllr P Sadler asked who TDC allocated the "affordable" property to, the Clerk will try to find out.

The Clerk was contacted by a member of the public who had an accident involving a pothole on Brightlingsea Road. He requested details about the how long the potholes have been there and whether residents had reported them. The Clerk will reply in due course.

Following the resignation of Cllr Sait, any keys for Parish Council property need to be collected. *Clerk to email Cllr P Sadler with the last key holder list so she can chase it.*

21. Councillor's reports

Cllr S Parks advised that she now receives the applications determined each week for planning and trees and will forward to all Councillors.

Cllr A Sadler asked if a letter could be sent to the owner of 3 Chapel Lane requesting that they cut their hedge back as it is obstructing the path. He also noted that the Old Rectory should be informed that foliage from their hedge is obscuring the ECC street light.

Cllr A Sadler requested whether the minutes could be sent out slightly earlier in the month.

Cllr Dewar noted the street light opposite the houses on Chapel Lane is obscured by tree growth from the playing field, during the discussion Cllr Dewar noted that he may be able to report it directly to UK Power Networks who have power cables running from the pole.

Date of next meeting 2nd November 2022

Closure. There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm

SIGNED



Date 2.11.22